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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

APPLICANT:

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EXAMINER:

INVENTION:

"SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, PROGRAM FOR USE IN

SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, STORAGE MEDIUM STORING

THEREON PROGRAM FOR USE IN SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD"

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SIR:

Please amend the attached application as follows: